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ROAD CONNECTIVITY UNDER PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted on the number of villages with population of 500 and above in the country which are not connected with metalled roads, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether any study has also been conducted on the number of villages with population of 250 and above not provided with metalled roads so far, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has in the past fixed targets for connecting villages with population of 250 and above with metalled roads, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) the details of the targets achieved and amount spent so far, State-wise; and

(e) whether there is any time bound action plan for connecting all the villages with population of 250 and above withmetalled roads in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a)to(c) "Rural Roads" is a State subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a one-time special intervention of Government of India to provide connectivity by way of an all-weather road to all eligible unconnected habitations, existing in the Core Network, in rural areas of country. The programme envisages connecting all eligible unconnected habitations with a population of 500 persons and above (as per 2001 Census) in plain areas and 250 persons and above (as per 2001 Census) in Special Category States (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim,Tripura Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand), Tribal (Schedule-V) areas, the Desert Areas (as identified in Desert Development Programme) and in Selected Tribal and Backward Districts (as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs/Planning Commission). The PMGSY also permits upgradation (to prescribed standards) of existing rural roads in districts where all the eligible habitations of the designated population size have been provided all weather road connectivity. Upgradation, however is not central to the programme. The details of unconnected eligible habitations with population above 500 and above 250 as per the Core Network are atAnnexure I

(d) State-wise habitations connected and expenditureincurred under PMGSY are at Annexure II.

(e) Under PMGSY, the unit of programme is a habitation. A habitation is a cluster of population, living in an area, the location of which does not change over time. Desam, Dhanis, Tolas, Majras, Hamlets, etc. are commonly used terminology to describe the Habitations. As per PMGSY guidelines, in the districts where unconnected eligible habitations still exist, priority is given to new connectivity in accordance with Comprehensive New Connectivity Priority List (CNCPL) of road works, out of the Core Network. Roads for upgradation are selected as per the Comprehensive Upgradation Priority List (CUPL), subject to the provisions in the PMGSY Programme Guidelines. State Governments are required to prepare annual proposals (Detailed Project Reports i.e. DPRs) and forward the same to the Ministry after due consideration and compliance with relevant aspectsprovided in PMGSY Programme Guidelines.